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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SKEIKY and GUDERIAN

Application No.: 09/684,215

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING A
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS
CODING SEQUENCE TO FACILITATE
STABLE AND HIGH YIELD
EXPRESSION OF THE
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEINS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2519

Examiner: Liu, Samuel Wei

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before February 23, 2004. A substitute Sequence Listing under 37 C.F.R. § 1,821-1.825 and supporting amendment accompanies this amendment. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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